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Dear Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program Participant:

This letter explains changes in drug coverage for the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program (WCDP) and explains how it will directly affect you as a WCDP participant. Wisconsin Act 16, the 2001-2003 biennial budget, required implementation of a drug rebate program for WCDP. When the drug rebate program is implemented, WCDP is required to cover only those drugs for which the drug's manufacturer has signed a rebate agreement. This drug rebate program will result in significant savings in WCDP drug costs.

Implementation of the drug rebate program was delayed until December 1. Effective December 1, 2002, WCDP will only cover drugs produced by manufacturers that have signed a drug rebate agreement with WCDP.

The earliest date that you will be able to find out how this drug rebate program will affect WCDP coverage is November 20, 2002. On November 20, 2002, please consult the WCDP web-site <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wcdp/> to find out which drugs WCDP will continue to cover on December 1, 2002. If you do not have internet access, you may contact your treatment center, call the WCDP information line at (608) 221-3701, or go to your public library for internet access. Please do not request information before November 20, 2002, because the coverage information will not be available before that date.

Drug coverage may change as participating manufacturers change. Check the web-site on the 20th of each month for changes in coverage beginning the following month.

Most major manufacturers have signed drug rebate agreements. However, some manufacturers have chosen not to participate. As required by state law those manufacturers' drugs will no longer be covered by WCDP after November 30, 2002. If your drugs are not listed as covered, we advise you to check with your health care providers about switching to another brand or to a generic drug.

**WCDP recommends to all participants that you review your drug plan with your doctor or social worker and show them this letter.**

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact WCDP at (608) 221-3701.

Sincerely,

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